

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed on March 02, 2007, has been reviewed and the comments of the Patent and Trademark Office have been considered. **Prior to this paper, claims 1-2 and 16-33** were pending. By this paper, Applicants cancel claims 1 and 30-32, and do not add any claims. Therefore, claims 2, 16-29 and 33 are now pending.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance for at least the reasons that follow.

Claims 16-33 Were Also Pending

Applicants take this time to note that, as a result of the Preliminary Amendment filed on March 24, 2006, along with claims 1 and 2, **claims 16-33 were also pending in the application.**

As Applicants have amended all of the currently pending dependent claims to ultimately depend from allowed claim 2, these claims are likewise allowable in view of the prior art.

Indication of Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank Examiner Wilson for allowing claim 2. In response, in order to advance prosecution, and without prejudice or disclaimer, Applicants have amended all currently pending claims to depend from claim 2.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Fullemann (United States Patent No. 6,305,331) and WO 02/33316. In response, in order to advance

prosecution, and without prejudice or disclaimer, Applicants cancel claim 1 and amend all other pending dependent claims to ultimately depend from allowed claim 2.

In view of the above amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102 are now moot.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

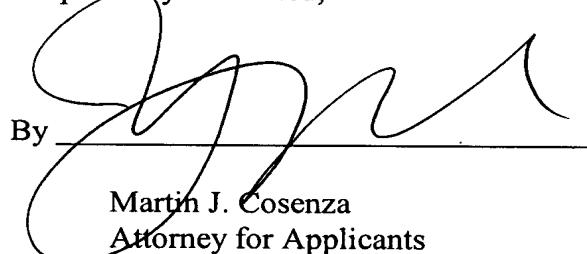
Examiner Wilson is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

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